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Applicants: Edmund F. La Gamma, et al.  
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A response to the October 2, 2002 Final Office Action was originally due January 2, 2003. On March 3, 2002, applicants submitted a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for a two-month extension of time. An Appeal Brief was due on May 3, 2003. Applicants herein request a five-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a five-month extension is NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$985.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status. A check for \$985.00 is enclosed herewith. Thus, a response is now due October 3, 2003, and accordingly, this application is currently pending.

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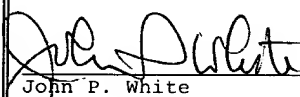
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